Trusts in the names of ex-Prime Ministers

1788. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many trusts have been formed in the names of ex-Prime Ministers;

(b) in what manner they are funded by Government and how much money has been given to them so far (individually); and

(c) what is the monitoring and central mechanism of Government over them?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) and (b) The Trusts formed under the Indian Trusts Act, 1872 are registered by the respective State Governments and Union Territories. The information will be collected from the respective State Governments and Union Territories and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No central mechanism to monitor the trusts is available.

Recommendations of Goswamy Committee

1789. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the recommendations o,f Goswamy Committee on Electoral Reforms;

(b) whether Government have examined those recommendations;

(c) if so, which of those recommendations have been accepted; and

(d) the steps taken to implement those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) to (d) The main recommendations of the Dinesh Goswamy Committee and their present status arp contained in the Statement which is laid on the Table of the Housa.

Statement

Main recommendations of the committee on electoral reforms and their present status:

1. The Election Commission should be a three member body.*

2. The appointment of Chief Election Commissioner should be in consultation with the Chief Justice of India and the Leader of the opposition. The Chief Election Commissioner should be consulted for appointment of other Members. %

3. The tenure of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners should be for a term of five years or sixty five years of age, whichever is later and they should in no case continue in office beyond sixtyfive years and for more than ten years in all.**

4. The Chief Election Commissioner and the election Commissioners should be made ineligible not only for any appointment under the government but also to any office including the office of Governor. %

5. A fresh delimitation on the basis of 1981 census. Rotation of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes.%

6. Introduction of multi-purpose photo identity cards.***

7. No individual to be allowed to contest from more than two constituencies.$

8. Non-serious candidates to be discouraged. Security deposit of independent candidates to be raised.$

8A. Forefeiture of security deposit for failure to secure less than $^{1/4}$th of the votes polled.%

9. Statutory backing for important provisions of model code of con duct. %

10. Use of electronic voting machi nes in all future elections.®